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None of the vessels now available, including the 'Lady Nicholson,' is suitable for this work; hence the necessity for a new launch specially designed for the purpose named.

(e) There is an European officer on Rs. 600—40—1,000 employed as Assistant Director (Marine). His principal duty is to carry on chank fishery operations with the vessels referred to above, to inspect and control the pearl and chank beds, to maintain the departmental vessels and to organise and to supervise the important fishing experiments mentioned in clause (d) above.

(f) The reply to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. But for the purpose of carrying on inspection of pearl and chank beds, for the supervision and organization of the new fishing experiments with sea-going craft, and for the efficient management and upkeep of the departmental vessels a marine officer with nautical experience is necessary and Mr. Allan, the present Assistant Director (Marine), possesses these qualifications.

Minimum attendance for technical examinations.

1363 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether, and, if so, what proposals have been received from the Principal of the College of Commerce regarding a minimum attendance for students who wish to appear for technical examinations; and

(b) whether the Legislative Council and the public will be given an opportunity to offer their remarks on the said proposals before the Government pass orders thereon?

A.—No such proposals have been received by the Government.

Crimes reported in police stations of Anantapur district.

1364 Q.—Mr. P. Siva Rao: Will the Hon'ble the Home Member be pleased to furnish a comparative statement of the crimes reported in the police stations of Mudigubba and Kodavandlapalli in the Kadiri taluk and in the neighbouring stations of Patnam, Bukkapatnam and Tadmeri in the district of Anantapur for the last six (6) years, with particulars of which of them were detected and charged and which of them ended in conviction?

A.—The Government are not in possession of the information desired.

II

ACT ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

The Hon'ble the President:—"I have to inform the House that the Madras Revenue Recovery (Temporary) Amendment Act, 1922, has received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the 5th March 1922."

III

AMENDMENT TO THE STANDING ORDERS.

Mr. C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"Mr. President, with regard to the notice which was given by Mr. Natesa Mudaliyar as to the amendment of Standing Order No. 54, the facts disclosed by the report of the Select Committee will demonstrate that the whole question was considered by the